

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC SITES

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

Survey No. WO-493

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Edward B. Mitchell, Sr. House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 10452 Worcester Highway ☐ not for publication

city, town Berlin ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland 21811 county Worcester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Frank A. Widic, Sr., and Julia R. Widic

street & number 10452 Worcester Highway telephone no.: (410) 641-0744

city, town Berlin state and zip code MD 21811

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber RHO 2249

street & number Worcester County Courthouse - West Market St. folio 161

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent

☐ good

☐ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

See Continuation Sheet.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates unknown Builder/Architect unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

See Continuation Sheet.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Continuation Sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .35 ac. (approx.)

Quadrangle name Berlin, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

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Zone Easting Northing

B

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Zone Easting Northing

C

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D

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Resource is significant for architecture only, so boundary includes house, rear shed, drive, yard, and trees; .35 acres (out of 28) at house

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title M. Todd Cleveland / Senior Preservation Planner

organization TRC Garrow Associates, Inc. date 26 May 1998

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city or town Atlanta state GA 30340-4214

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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DHCP/DHCD
100 COMMUNITY PLACE
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023
514-7600

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 2

The Edward B. Mitchell, Sr. House is a detached, single-family dwelling located on the east side of US 113, approximately 1.1 miles north of Route 50. The one-story, front-gabled bungalow, constructed sometime between 1914 and 1924, features an asymmetrical west facade with three bays. The balloon frame structure is covered with aluminum siding and exhibits a gable roof clad with composition asphalt shingles. The foundation appears to be concrete or concrete block covered by aluminum or some other type of metal.

The facade is noted by a one-story, hip-roofed porch/canopy, supported by two slender wood posts. A one-story room, covered by a hip roof, extends from the rear (east) side of the house. The room originally may have been an open porch that was later infilled at an unknown date. A small shed addition is attached to the northeast corner of the room. The modern one-over-one, double-hung sash windows are both single and paired and are flanked by modern fixed shutters. Entrance to the house is made via a single-leaf wood door in the facade, noted by its four lights over two horizontal panels. A small brick ridge chimney protrudes from the center of the roof. Exposed rafter ends are found at the cornices of the main roof, porch roof, and rear addition roof.

Directly behind the dwelling is a small corrugated metal garage/shed with a standing seam metal roof, a shed-roofed addition on the north end, and an attached dog pen. The outbuilding appears to be contemporaneous with the dwelling. A dirt drive provides access to and from US 113, and the property features a small yard, some foundation plantings, a number of mature trees, and open cropland to the south, east, and north. Also located on the same tax parcel to the north are the dwelling and outbuildings of the Frank A., Sr., & Julia K. Widic Farm (WO-510).

Alterations to the dwelling include the aluminum siding, the covering of the foundation with aluminum or metal, the small rear addition, and the modern windows and shutters. Alterations to the garage/shed include the north end addition and the attached dog pen.

The Edward B. Mitchell, Sr. House is a representative example of the front-gabled bungalow type. Its presence signifies the historic introduction of early twentieth-century architectural types into an agricultural area developed during the nineteenth century, and it illustrates the continued development of Worcester County into this century.

The dwelling was likely constructed sometime between 1914 and 1924, based on deed records and the 1924 USGS topographic map (WCCC Deed Book ODC 18:133, JEB 9:584; USGS 1924). Edward B. Mitchell, Sr. purchased the property in two transactions in 1914 from William Whaley, a large landowner in the area. Mitchell owned the property until 1941. A structure appears at the location of the dwelling on the 1924 USGS map. Using the periods from the Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data, this would place the structure at the end of the Industrial/Urban Dominance period (A.D. 1870-1930).

The current legal tax parcel containing the house and garage/shed encompasses 28 acres. However, because the dwelling is not significant for its larger landscape, it is recommended that a suitable boundary include only the buildings and the adjacent trees, yard, and plantings, encompassing approximately .35 acres.

The Edward B. Mitchell, Sr. House is recommended ineligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the criteria of eligibility in 36 CFR 60.4. Its integrity of design, materials, workmanship, and feeling has been compromised due to alterations. It has no known associations with significant historical events (Criterion A) or persons (Criterion B), it is not significant for its architectural style or design characteristics (Criterion C), and further research of it would not appear to yield information important in prehistory or history (Criterion D).

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW				
Eligibility recommended		Eligibility not recommended		
Criteria:	A _____ B _____ C _____ D _____	Considerations:	F _____ G _____ None _____	E _____ X
Comments:				
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services <i>[Signature]</i>			Date 10/7/98	
Reviewer, NR program <i>[Signature]</i>			Date 2/1/99	

United States Geological Survey (USGS)

1924 Ocean City, Maryland-Delaware quadrangle map, 15 minute series. U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. On file, Maryland Geological Survey, Baltimore.

Worcester County Clerk of Court (WCCC)

1847-1996 Property records on file at the Worcester County Courthouse, Snow Hill, Maryland.

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

1) Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

11) Industrial/Urban Dominance (A.D. 1870-1930)

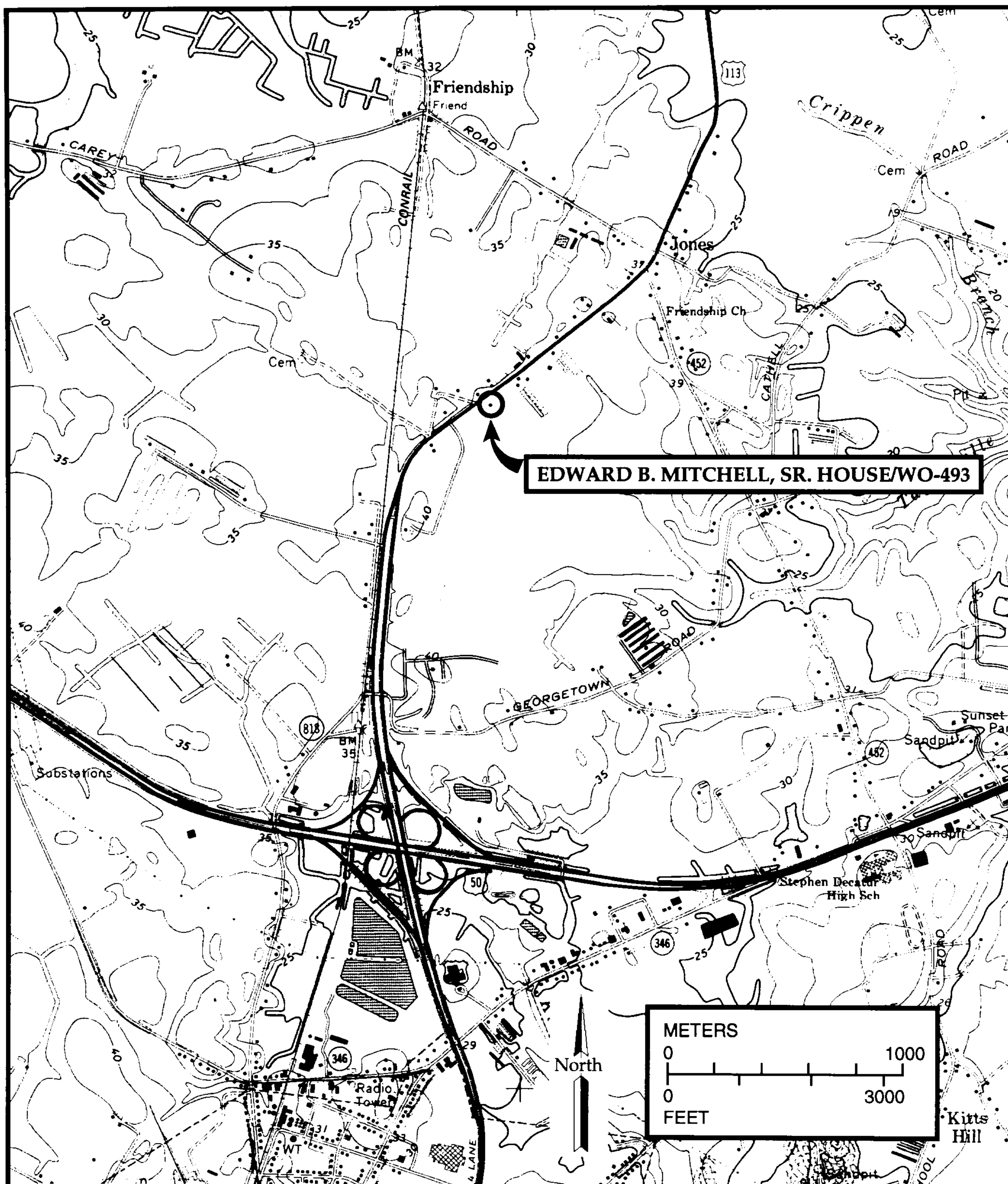
Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

2) Architecture

Resource Type:

Category:	Buildings
Historic Environment:	Rural
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):	Single-family Dwelling
Known Design Source:	None

Section of Map No. 20, Parcel No. 95, Worcester County, Md.
Containing the Edward B. Mitchell, Sr. House/WO-493
Berlin (vic.), Worcester County, MD.



LOCATIONAL MAP

Section of the 7.5' Berlin, MD Quad Map (USGS 1967, 1981)

Showing the Edward B. Mitchell, Sr. House/WO-493

Berlin Vicinity, Worcester County, MD.



WO-443

Edward B. "Babe" Sr House

Worcester County, MD

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Photographer: Mark's Chancellor

Date: April 22, 1998

Location of Negative: Maryland SHPD

Subject: West 10022

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Edward E. Whitcomb, Sr. House

Worcester County, MD

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Photographer: Mark Chancellor

Date: Sep '72, 1972

Location of Negative: Maryland SHPO

Subject: North and West Elevations

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MD. 1125

Edward B. Mitchell, Sr. House

Worcester County, MD

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Photographer: Mark Chancellor

Date: April 22, 1998

Location of Negative: Maryland 24100

Subject: West, 1 South Elevations

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